

# **EXHIBIT 18**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re

CUSTOMS AND TAX ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK  
(SKATTEFORVALTNINGEN) TAX REFUND  
SCHEME LITIGATION

MASTER DOCKET

18-md-02865-LAK

This document relates to: The cases identified in  
Appendix A

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**DECLARATION OF THOMAS E.L. DEWEY**

I, Thomas E.L. Dewey, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the courts of the State of New York, hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a member of the law firm Dewey Pegno & Kramarsky LLP, counsel for Michael Ben-Jacob. I am fully familiar with the matters set forth in this declaration.

2. I submit this declaration in support of ~~Defendants~~Defendants' Amended Memorandum of Law in support of their Motion for Issuance of a Request for International Judicial Assistance to Obtain Evidence in Denmark- (the "Motion").

3. On March 28, 2024, Elliot Peters, a member of the law firm Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP and also counsel for Michael Ben-Jacob, sent an email to SKAT's counsel at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, requesting SKAT's position on, among other things, whether SKAT would stipulate to a motion to take Sanjay Shah's testimony under the Hague Convention.

4. On April 10, 2024, SKAT's counsel responded with SKAT's position as to other matters addressed in Mr. Peters's email but did not provide SKAT's position as to a motion to

take Sanjay Shah's testimony under the Hague Convention. That same day, Mr. Peters responded to inquire again as to SKAT's position on a motion for Sanjay's Shah's testimony.

5. On April 12, 2024, SKAT's counsel requested a draft of Defendants' Hague Convention motion papers, which Defendants provided on April 17, 2024. On April 18, 2024, SKAT's counsel informed Defendants that SKAT intended to join the motion, provided that such motion would not affect the timing of the trial set to commence on January 7, 2024.

3.6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is aan amended proposed Letter of Request for International Judicial Assistance Pursuant to the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters.

4.7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a list of parties to the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, as found on the website for the Treaty Database of the Kingdom of Netherlands' Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, available at

~~https://treatydatabase.overheid.nl/en/Treaty/Details/002883~~~~.https://treatydatabase.overheid.nl/en/Treaty/Details/002883.~~

5.8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a news article by David Segal, dated December 6, 2023, and titled *Hedge Fund Trader, Accused of Fraud, is Extradited to Denmark*, available at:

~~https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/06/business/sanjay-shah-fraud-extradition-denmark.html~~~~.https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/06/business/sanjay-shah-fraud-extradition-denmark.html.~~

6.9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a news article by Isabelle YR Carlsson and Jacob Gronholt-pedersen, dated March 21, 2024, and titled *Danish Tax Fraud Suspect Tells Court He Used Legal Loophole*, available at ~~https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/danish-tax-fraud-~~

~~suspect tells court he used legal loophole-2024-03-~~

~~21/-~~<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/danish-tax-fraud-suspect-tells-court-he-used-legal-loophole-2024-03-21/>.

~~7.10.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is the Complaint filed by Plaintiff Skatteforvaltningen (“SKAT”) in *Skatteforvaltningen v. Michael Ben-Jacob*, No. 1:21-cv-05339 on June 16, 2021, ECF 1.

~~8.11.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 are excerpts from the deposition transcript of Richard Markowitz.

~~9.12.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 are excerpts from the deposition transcript of Robert Klugman.

~~10.13.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 are excerpts from the deposition transcript of John van Merkensteijn

~~11.14.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a document produced in discovery in this matter, Bates-stamped FWCCAP00000156, and previously filed as Exhibit 179 to the Declaration of Marc A. Weinstein in Support of Plaintiff SKAT’s Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF 824-296.

~~12.15.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a document produced in discovery in this matter, Bates-stamped GUNDERSON 00009434, and previously filed as Exhibit 182 to the Declaration of Marc A. Weinstein in Support of Plaintiff SKAT’s Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF 824-299.

~~13.16.~~ Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a document produced in discovery in this matter, Bates-stamped WH\_MDL\_00041680, and previously filed as Exhibit 180 to the Declaration of

Marc A. Weinstein in Support of Plaintiff SKAT's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF 824-297.

14.17. Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a news article, dated March 20, 2024, titled *Shah skubber ansvar for centrale vurderinger fra sig* [*Shah pushes away responsibility for key assessments*], available at: ~~<https://www.bt.dk/krimi/shah-skubber-ansvar-for-centrale-vurderinger-fra-sig>~~ <https://www.bt.dk/krimi/shah-skubber-ansvar-for-centrale-vurderinger-fra-sig>.

15.18. Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is an English translation of Exhibit 12, which was generated using the Microsoft Translator tool.

19. Attached hereto as Exhibit 14 is a transcript of the March 28, 2024 scheduling conference before this Court.

20. Attached hereto as Exhibit 15 are the initial disclosures submitted to SKAT, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), by Defendants Richard Markowitz, Jocelyn Markowitz, Avanix Management LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Batavia Capital Pension Plan, Calypso Investments Pension Plan, Cavus Systems LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Hadron Industries LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, RJM Capital Pension Plan, and Routt Capital Pension Plan, dated June 12, 2019.

21. Attached hereto as Exhibit 16 are the initial disclosures submitted to SKAT, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), by Defendants John van Merkensteijn, Elizabeth van Merkensteijn, Azalea Pension Plan, Basalt Ventures LLC Roth 401(k) Plan, Bernina Pension Plan, Omineca Pension Plan, Starfish Capital Management LLC Roth 401(k) Plan, Tarvos Pension Plan, and Voojoo Productions LLC Roth 401(k) Plan, dated June 12, 2019.

22. Attached hereto as Exhibit 17 is a redline of the Amended Memorandum of Law in Support of the Motion against the original Memorandum of Law filed in support of the Motion on April 19, 2024 (ECF No. 980).

23. Attached hereto as Exhibit 18 is a redline of this Declaration against the original Declaration of Thomas E.L. Dewey in support of the Motion, dated April 19, 2024 (ECF No. 981).

24. Attached hereto as Exhibit 19 is a redline of the amended proposed Letter of Request for International Judicial Assistance Pursuant to the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (Exhibit 1 to this Declaration) against the original Letter of Request filed as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Thomas E.L. Dewey dated April 19, 2024 (ECF No. 981.1).

I, Thomas E.L. Dewey, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: ~~April 19~~May 1, 2024  
New York, NY

/s/Thomas E.L. Dewey  
Thomas E.L. Dewey

**APPENDIX A**

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Elizabeth van Merkensteijn		
Azalea Pension Plan		
Basalt Ventures LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
Bernina Pension Plan		
Bernina Pension Plan Trust		
Michelle Investments Pension Plan		
Omineca Pension Plan		
Omineca Trust		

<p>Remece Investments LLC Pension Plan</p> <p>Starfish Capital Management LLC Roth 401(K) Plan</p> <p>Tarvos Pension Plan</p> <p>Voojo Productions LLC Roth 401(K) Plan</p> <p>Xiphias LLC Pension Plan</p>		
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Calypso Investments Pension Plan		19-cv-10713
Cavus Systems LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
Hadron Industries LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
RJM Capital Pension Plan		
RJM Capital Pension Plan Trust		
Routt Capital Pension Plan		
Routt Capital Trust		
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RAK Investment Trust		
Aerovane Logistics LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
Edgepoint Capital LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
Headsail Manufacturing LLC Roth 401(K) Plan		
The Random Holdings 401(K) Plan		
The Stor Capital Consulting LLC 401(K) Plan		

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